Ahasuerus Council.

OLD CONSTITUTION,

PRESENT CHARTER,

BY-LAWS, LIST OF MEMBERS,

AND ORGANIZATION OF

AHASUERUS COUNCIL,

LOWELL, MASS.

ALSO, THE

Compact of the Lowell Masonic Association,

AND

Constitution of the Grand Council

OF MASSACHUSETTS.

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"At a regular convocation of the Companions of Ahasuerus Council of Select Masters, at Mason's Hall, Lowell, July 6th, (A. L.) 5826, the following Companions were present: Joshua Swan, Daniel Balch, Benjamin Mather, Henry Smith, A. W. Fisher, Christopher Coates, Zebina Thwing, Luther Richardson. The Constitution and By-Laws were then adopted and signed.

Attest: LUTHER RICHARDSON,
Recorder."

CONSTITUTION

OF 1826.

TO promote good-fellowship, preserve good order and decorum, and for the well-being of societies, certain specific rules and regulations are requisite and necessary. We do, therefore, in conformity to ancient usage, adopt the following as the By-Laws and Constitution of

Ahasuerus Council of Select Masters, instituted at Lowell, A. L., 5826. Officers installed July 6, 5826.

ARTICLE I.

THIS Council shall be known and distinguished as the AHASUERUS COUNCIL of Select Masters.

ARTICLE II.

THE meetings of the Council shall be quarterly, on the first Thursday of July, October, January and April. Special meetings may be called at the pleasure of the three senior officers.

ARTICLE III.

THE degrees of Select Master, Royal Master, and Super Excellent, shall be conferred in the Sanctuary in their order, each candidate depositing previously, for the same, the sum of seven dollars. Other ineffable degrees of the Consistory may be conferred at the pleasure of the Council.

ARTICLE IV.

NO companion shall become a member of the Council until he has received the three degrees. The fees for membership shall be two dollars. All ballots in the Council for initiation and membership shall be unanimous.

ARTICLE V.

A CHARITY fund shall be established with the institution of this Council, of all the surplus moneys, for the orphan children of deceased Select, Royal and Super Excellent Masters, to be called the *Orphans' Fund*, of which the first three officers, for the time being, shall be the Trustees, with due accountability.

ARTICLE VI.

THE Officers of the Council shall consist of a Thrice Illustrious Master, Most Illustrious Master, Grand Senior Warden or Conductor of the Work, Master of the Exchequer, Recorder,

Master of the Guard and Sentinel, with such others as may be necessary. The officers to be chosen and installed annually on the first Thursday in July. The three senior officers shall be a Standing Committee, to do and perform all such business as may be for the general good of the Council, representing by themselves, or their proxies, their companions in the Grand Council, (provided they shall acknowledge their jurisdiction), and with exemplary influence at all times, directing and regulating the interests of the Institution.

ARTICLE VII.

THESE By-Laws shall be liable to revision and amendment whenever a majority of the Companions may deem it expedient, and shall be read in open Council at least once a year, and shall be valid to all intents and purposes after being duly registered in the records of the Council.

AT a special convocation of Ahasuerus Council of Select and Royal Masters, held at Mason's Hall, Lowell, March 28, 5827, it was voted—

"That this Council acknowledge the jurisdiction of the State Grand Council, and that Thrice Ill. Comp. Joshua Swan, Most Ill. Comp. Daniel Balch, and G. S. W. Benjamin Mather, be a committee to wait on the Grand Council, to be received and acknowledged as such."

At a special convocation of Ahasuerus Council of Royal and Select Masters, held at Mason's Hall, in Lowell, Aug. 15, 5827, a communication was received from the Grand Council of Massachusetts, accompanied with the By-Laws, Rules and Regulations of the Grand Council. The following is a copy of the communication referred to above:

"Boston, Aug. 8th, 1827.

Comps:

The Council of R. and S. Masters at Lowell, have been *indirectly* made acquainted, I presume, that a Grand Council for the State of Massachusetts was organized in June, 1826, and its officers chosen. A Constitution was framed by a convention of delegates in the month of February preceding (a copy of which I send you), and ratified in June by all the Councils represented, and which were previously known to have existence. It was afterwards ascertained that a very respectable one was organized, or organizing, at Lowell. Had it been seasonably known, your Council would have been invited with all the others to attend the convention above named.

Parchment copies for a few Charters — say about a dozen — were prepared. If your Council wish to unite with the others, as it is presumed it will, as parties to the Grand Council, and wish a Charter made out as an original member, for a fee of $5, it will be gratifying to the Gr. Council so to do. If not, the fee in future, as you will perceive by the Constitution, will be $40.

A line from you on the subject as soon as convenient, addressed either to Abraham A. Dame, Esq., the M. Ill. Gr. Master, or to the Grand Recorder, will be duly noticed.

Compn. Joshua Holden, Mas. of the Exchr. of the Boston Council, will in my absence in the country, after a few days hence, act for me until my return. An early reply by some member of your Council who may be coming to town, and dropped into our P. Office, or delivered to Compn. Dame, will be esteemed a favor, as I should like, if possible,

before I go, to be able to engross a Charter for you and affix the Seal.

I am, Compn. (not having the pleasure to know your name),

Very respectfully and fraternally yours,

THOS. PAYSON, *Grd. Recorder.*

Address on above letter.

Companion _____

Recorder of the Council

of R. and S. Masters,

Care of the
Stage Driver,
MR. BURROUGHS.

LOWELL, MASS."

On motion, it was voted—

"That we accept and acknowledge the Grand Council of the State of Massachusetts, and that Thrice Ill. Com. *Joshua Swan* is empowered to make such arrangements with the Grand Council as to constitute us as a Council under its jurisdiction."

Attest: LUTHER RICHARDSON,
Recorder.

COPY OF THE PRESENT CHARTER

OF

AHASUERUS COUNCIL.

CITY OF BOSTON,
COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS.

WE, the Grand Council of Royal and Select Master Masons, within and for the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, do, by these presents, appoint, authorize and empower our worthy Companions, Joseph Bedlow, Maynard Bragg, Benjamin Ball, Joshua Swan, William Roby, George Brownell, Theodore Edson, Solon Stevens, Jefferson Bancroft and A. W. Fisher, composing the Council at Lowell, in the County of Middlesex, with such others as may hereafter join them, to continue to open and hold a Council of

Royal and Select Masters in said Lowell, to be known and distinguished by the name and style of AHASUERUS COUNCIL, and to do and perform all such acts and things as thereunto belong; requiring them to conform in all their doings to the Grand Constitution, and to pay annually all such dues to this Grand Council as are, or may be, required by its regulations, said Council to take rank from the date hereof. In testimony whereof, we have hereunto set our names, and caused the Seal of the Grand Council to be affixed, this ninth day of December, in the year of the Christian era, one thousand eight hundred and fifty-six, and in the year of the world five thousand eight hundred and fifty-six, and of our Illustrious and Royal Order, two thousand eight hundred and fifty-six.

SEAL.

ABRAHAM A. DAME,
Most Ill. Grand Master.

EDWARD A. RAYMOND,
Right Ill. Grand Master.

CHARLES W. MOORE,
Illustrious Grand Master.

WILLIAM KNAPP,
Grand Recorder.

EXTRACT FROM THE RECORDS OF THE GRAND COUNCIL, DECEMBER 9, 1856:

"The petition of Comp. Jos. Bedlow and others, for the revival of AHASUERUS COUNCIL, at Lowell, and (the charter thereof being lost) praying for a new charter was considered and granted."

N. B.—In the last printed proceedings of the Grand Council, AHASUERUS COUNCIL is assigned rank under date of July 6, 1826.

BY-LAWS.

ADOPTED 1877.

ARTICLE I.

OFFICERS, ETC.

AHASUERUS Council of Royal and Select Masters, shall consist of a Thrice Illustrious Master, Deputy Master, Principal Conductor of the Work, Treasurer, Recorder, Captain of the Guard, Conductor of the Council, Chaplain, Marshal, Steward, Sentinel, and such other officers and members as may be found convenient.

ARTICLE II.

MEETINGS.

THE regular assemblies of the Council shall be held on the Monday after the full of the moon in each month, at such hour as the Thrice Illustrious Master shall direct, except from May to September, when the meetings may be suspended by vote of the Council. Special meetings may be called by the Thrice Illustrious Master. All business shall be transacted in the Degree of Select Master.

ARTICLE III.

ELECTIONS, ETC.

SECTION 1. The first five officers shall be elected by ballot at the regular meeting in October, and the others appointed by the Thrice Illustri-

ous Master. All the officers shall be installed as soon as convenient after their election or appointment.

SECTION 2. Should any office become vacant, the vacancy shall be filled at the next regular meeting thereafter, by election (a dispensation having been procured therefor), or appointment as originally.

ARTICLE IV.

DUTIES OF OFFICERS.

SECTION 1. The duties of the officers of this Council shall be such as are determined by the Constitution and ritual, with the following additions:

SECTION 2. The Treasurer shall make payments from the funds of the Council only when authorized by the Finance Committee. He shall render a complete statement of all receipts and expenditures

at the annual meeting, and submit an inventory of the property of the Council in his charge. He shall deliver to his successor in office, within thirty days after installation, all funds and property of the Council in his possession.

SECTION 3. The Secretary shall issue notices of meetings to every member of the Council, bearing thereupon the names of all candidates for Degrees or membership, and any important business to be transacted. He shall furnish the Chairman of each Committee with a copy of the vote by which he was appointed, and the names of all the Committee. He shall, at the annual meeting, present a written statement of the number of meetings held, the amount of money received, and the number of candidates and members admitted during the year.

ARTICLE V.

COMMITTEES.

SECTION 1. The first three officers shall constitute a Finance Committee, to audit and approve all bills before being paid by the Treasurer. They shall examine into and decide upon all petitions for charity, and shall annually examine and approve the accounts of the Treasurer and Secretary if found correct.

SECTION 2. All Committees, except the Finance Committee, will be expected to report at the next regular meeting after their appointment.

ARTICLE VI.

MEMBERSHIP.

SECTION 1. Every Companion who receives the Degrees in this Council shall be entitled to membership by

signing the By-Laws, and it shall be the duty of the Thrice Illustrious Master to request every Companion to sign the By-Laws immediately after receiving the Super Excellent Degree. Any Companion who neglects to sign the By-Laws within six months after receiving the Super Excellent Degree, must be re-proposed, and subject to the provisions of Section 2 of this Article.

SECTION 2. Any Companion who received his degrees outside of this Council, or who has neglected to sign the By-Laws within six months after his admission, must be proposed for membership, and the proposition referred to a Committee, who shall report thereon; a ballot may be taken after two weeks from the reception of the petition, which, if unanimous, shall entitle the applicant to

membership on payment of the fee and signing the By-Laws, provided the signature is attached within six months from the election, otherwise a new proposition will be required.

SECTION 3. Any member whose dues are paid may withdraw from the Council by giving notice thereof in writing; but any Companion so withdrawing can not re-join, without being proposed and balloted for as set forth in Section 2.

HONORARY MEMBERS.

SECTION 4. The Council, in token of its appreciation of the Masonic worth and services of any Companions, may elect them to Honorary Membership, by proposition and ballot, as set forth in Section 2; they shall be exempt from all dues and assessments, and enjoy all the rights

and privileges of active members, except that the right of voting shall not be gained by those who were not previously active members of this Council.

ARTICLE VII.

DEGREES.

SECTION 1. All applications for the Degrees shall be in the form prescribed by the Grand Council, and shall be accompanied by the requisite fee. Each application shall be referred to a Committee, and a majority thereof report before balloting.

SECTION 2. After the lapse of two weeks from the reception of any application (and a report thereon as provided in Section 1), a ballot may be taken, which must be unanimous to accept. Only three ballotings shall be allowed, and no

debate shall be in order after the balloting has commenced. If not accepted, the fee shall be returned, but if accepted, and the applicant neglects to appear within six months after being notified, he shall forfeit the fee, unless the Council by majority vote determine otherwise.

ARTICLE VIII.

FEES.

SECTION 1. The fees to be paid in this Council shall be as follows:

For the Degrees, ...	$20.00
For Membership (if made elsewhere), . .	3.00
For Diploma (to be paid Secretary), . .	1.50

SECTION 2. The fees for Degrees (including diploma) and for membership must in all cases accompany the application.

SECTION 3. Every member, except the Chaplain and Honoraries, shall pay, on or before each annual meeting, the sum of one dollar as annual dues.

SECTION 4. The Secretary and the Tyler shall each be paid one dollar and fifty cents per meeting.

ARTICLE IX.

DISCIPLINE.

ANY Companion who may be guilty of unmasonic conduct, or who may divulge the transactions of the Council to any person who has not received the Degree of Select Master, and any member who shall remain two dollars in arrears, after being notified by the Secretary, renders himself liable for action or trial, and subject to suspension or

expulsion. Any member suspended for non-payment of dues may be restored to membership, by majority vote of the Council, he having previously paid in full all dues and assessments, from the time of suspension to the time of restoration.

This Article shall be read after every rejection.

ARTICLE X.

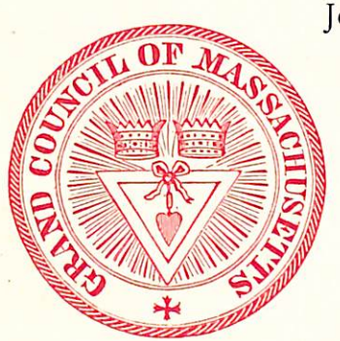
AMENDMENTS.

THESE By-Laws may be altered or amended at any regular meeting, provided notice thereof has been given at a previous regular meeting, the same submitted to a Committee, and their report made thereon. The assent of two-thirds of the members present and voting shall be necessary for the adoption of any alteration or amendment.

Grand Council of Massachusetts,
In Grand Council, Dec. 12th, 1877.

The foregoing By-Laws were this day approved. Attest my hand, and Seal of the Grand Council.

JOHN HAIGH,
Grand Recorder.



LIST OF MEMBERS.

Abbott, James C.
Abbot, John W.
Adams, Theodore.
Andrews, William.
Ashworth, George L.
Ashworth, Sager.
Bacon, Horace B.
Baker, Richard W.
Bancroft, Jefferson (Hon.)
Bartlett, Alonzo M.
Batchelder, Wesley R.
Bean, James W.
Bedlow, George W.
Bedlow, Joseph (Hon.)
Bennett, Frank E.
Bennett, Wilder.
Bishop, Henry.
Blood, John C.
Bond, Phineas S.
Brigham, Oramel A.
Brown, Francis.
Brown, Frank Kimball
Brown, J. J. C.
Bullens, Stephen A.
Burnham, Crawford.
Burrage, Hamilton.
Butcher, Robert H.
Butterworth, Samuel D.
Carll, Francis.
Carll, Henry.
Carney, George J.
Carter, Henry P.
Caswell, Clark R.
Chamberlin, J. Murray.
Chandler, George H.
Chase, Alfred H.
Chase, Jonathan E.
Clark, Asa D.
Clark, Jeremiah.
Coburn, Clarence G.
Coburn, Daniel.
Coburn, Edward F.
Collamore, Horace.
Cook, Albert G.

Cooper, Henry C.
Cushing, George S.
Dadman, Girard P.
Davis, Natt A.
Davis, William H.
Dickerman, Alphonso T.
Dickerman, George W.
Dodge, Luke C.
Doe, William K.
Dorchester, Daniel.
Dudley, Albion J.
Eaton, Samuel C.
Edson, Theodore (Hon.)
Emerson, John D.
Evans, George E.
Farrar, William E.
Farrington, Southwell.
Favor, Jacob G.
Fisher, Frederic S.
Fletcher, Charles H.
Fletcher, Henry H.
Follansbee, Charles H.
Folsom, Jonathan P.
Fox, Lorenzo S.
Frye, Frederick.
Fuller, Samuel S.
Gardner, William S.
Garity, Thomas R.
Gates, Prescott C.
Gates, Royal W.
Gerrish, Thomas G.
Gerry, Gustavus A.
Gibby, Samuel J.
Gifford, Alden I.
Gordon, George A.
Goulding, Robert.

Hall, Hiram N.
Hallett, Milo G.
Hanson, Charles H.
Harley, William.
Harvey, J. Franklin.
Haynes, Frank H.
Heywood, George W.
Hosford, Hocum.
Howe, Edward B.
Hubbard, J. Q. A.
Humphrey, Elisha C.
Huntoon, Moses C.
Hurd, Geo. W. S.
Huse, Stephen W.
Hutchinson, Charles C.
Jewett, Francis.
Jockow, Julius C.
Johnson, Julius C.
Kendall, Charles A.
Keyes, Julian V.
Kimball, Charles.
Kimball, Charles A.
Kimball, Charles R.
Kingsley, Enos O.
Knowles, Jefferson A.
Knowles, John A. (Hon.)
Knowlton, G. Winfield.
Kohlrausch, Charles H., Jr.
Lamson, T. L. P.
Lancaster, Samuel T.
Lang, William A.
Lawrence, George P.
Leighton, Walter H.
Leonard, Abel W.
Lewis, James P.
Lewis, Rufus S.

Livingston, William E.
Lynch, Alonzo K.
Maxfield, Rufus A.
McAlvin, John B.
Medina, Emanuel J.
Merrill, William P.
Morgan, George F.
Morrill, Charles.
Morse, Henry O.
Murkland, James.
Nichols, Albert F.
Osgood, Orin F.
Packer, Edmund H.
Page, Moses C.
Parsons, William.
Pearson, George W.
Peirce, John N., Jr.
Penniman, George F.
Perkins, Henry P.
Perrin, Lewis L.
Persons, Albert C.
Pevey, John M.
Phelps, Lorenzo.
Philbrick, Moses E.
Pierce, Samuel P.
Pinkham, George E.
Pollard, Arthur G.
Puffer, Freeman W.
Putnam, Addison.
Rand, Edward S., Jr.
Raynes, George W.
Read, J. Henry.
Reed, Edward E.
Reed, Willard O.
Reed, William.
Richards, Luther.
Richardson, Charles H.
Richardson, John A. G.
Ripley, George W.
Robbins, Charles H.
Runels, Charles.
Runels, George.
Salmon, William F.
Sanborn, Laroy S.
Sanborn, Nathaniel C.
Sargent, Fred. G.
Saunders, Alfred S.
Saunders, Jacob.
Scribner, Charles.
Scribner, George F.
Scott, James.
Scott, John.
Shaw, Elisha H.
Shaw, J. W. B.
Shaw, Thomas S.
Short, Josiah E., Jr.
Silver, Orrin B.
Simmons, William H.
Sleeper, Charles W.
Smith, Caleb L.
Smith, Ethan A.
Spalding, Joel.
Stacy, Duane P.
Stacy, Lucian P.
Stevens, George.
Stevens, Solon (Hon.)
Stevens, Solon W.
Stiles, Julius A.
Stiles, Wilbur A.
Stone, Zina E.
Stott, Charles A.
Stott, Samuel E.

Swan, Albert G.
Swan, Daniel A.
Swapp, Andrew F.
Talbot, Charles K.
Taylor, Frederick.
Taylor, Vernon O.
Thissell, Earl A.
Trask, O. H. P.
Tuck, Edward.
Tucke, Edward M.
Van Tassel, John.
Walch, Orin S.
Walker, Ruel J.
Walker, William.
Webber, Henry P.
Wiggin, Dudley S.
Wing, Lingan C.
Wright, Arthur.
Wright, Atwill F.
Wright, Nahum H.
Wright, William A.
Wood, Robert.
Woodward, John C.
Young, Charles F.

HONORARY MEMBERS.

Rev. Theodore Edson, D. D.,
Solon Stevens,
Joseph Bedlow,
Jefferson Bancroft,
John A. Knowles.

OFFICERS

SINCE

THE ORGANIZATION.

OFFICERS ELECTED AT A REGULAR CONVOCATION OF THE COMPANIONS OF AHASUERUS COUNCIL OF SELECT MASTERS, HELD AT MASON'S HALL, LOWELL, JULY 6, (A. L.) 5826.

Joshua Swan, Th. Ill. Mas.

Daniel Balch, M. Ill. M.	Luther Richardson, Rec.
Benjamin Mather, G. S. W.	Zebina Thwing, M. of Gds.
A. W. Fisher, M. of Exc.	Christopher Coates, Sen.

JULY 11, 5827.

Joshua Swan, Th. Ill. Mas.

Daniel Balch, M. Ill. M.	Luther Richardson, Rec.
Benjamin Mather, G. S. W.	Joseph Bedlow, M. of Gds.
A. W. Fisher, M. of Exc.	Christopher Coates, Sen.

JULY 3, 5828.

Joshua Swan, Th. Ill. Mas.

Daniel Balch, M. Ill. G. Mas.	Jesse Phelps, M. of Gds.
Joseph Bedlow, G. S. W.	Christopher Coates, Con. of Coun.
Lowell Adams, M. of Exc.	Solon Stevens, Sen.
Richmond Jones, Rec.	

JULY 1, 5829.

Joseph Bedlow, Th. Ill. Mas.

Lowell Adams, M. Ill. Mas.	Jesse Phelps, M. of Gds.
Richmond Jones, G. S. W.	Christopher Coates, Con. of Coun.
A. W. Fisher, M. of Exc.	Joshua Swan, Sen.
Solon Stevens, Rec.	

The following were the officers present at the last meeting of the Council:

APRIL 7, 5830.

Joseph Bedlow, Th. Ill. Mas.
Richmond Jones, M. Ill. Mas. — Jesse Phelps, M. of Gds.
J. B. Puffer, G. S. W., *pro tem.* — Joshua Swan, Sen.
Solon Stevens, Rec.

The following are the officers at the meeting held at Masonic Hall, Lowell, Dec. 23, 5856, the first meeting since April 7, 5830, as appears by the records:

DECEMBER 23, 5856.

Joseph Bedlow, Th. Ill. G. M.
Maynard Bragg, Rt. Ill. G. M. — Stephen K. Fielding, Con. of Coun.
Benjamin Ball, Ill. G. M. — William Roby, G. Sen.
Solon Stevens, M. of Gds.

OFFICERS ELECTED OCT. 5, 5857.

Joseph Bedlow, Th. Ill. G. M.
Maynard Bragg, R. Ill. G. M. — George W. Bedlow, Rec.
Benjamin Ball, Ill. G. M. — Solon Stevens, M. of Gds.
Samuel K. Hutchinson, M. of Cer. — Stephen K. Fielding, Con. of Coun.
William North, Mas. of Exc. — Zenas Crowell, Sen.

SEPTEMBER 27, 5858.

Joseph Bedlow, Th. Ill. G. M.
Maynard Bragg, Rt. Ill. G. M. — Zenas Crowell, Sen.
Benjamin Ball, Ill. G. M. — Theodore Edson, Chap.
Samuel K. Hutchinson, M. of Cer. — Chas. C. Hutchinson, } Heralds.
William North, Mas. of Exc. — William F. Salmon, } Heralds.
Andrew F. Swapp, Rec. — Isaac F. Scripture, } Heralds.
Solon Stevens, Capt. of Gds. — A. W. Fisher, Tyler.
Stephen K. Fielding, Con. of Coun.

September 19, 5859.

Joseph Bedlow, Th. Ill. G. M.

Maynard Bragg, Rt. Ill. G. M.	Zenas Crowell, Sen.	
Benjamin Ball, Ill. G. M.	Theodore Edson, Chap.	
Samuel K. Hutchinson, M. of Cer.	William F. Salmon,	Heralds.
William North, Mas. of Exc.	Isaac F. Scripture,	
Andrew F. Swapp, Rec.	Geo. W. Bedlow,	
Solon Stevens, Capt. of Gds.	A. W. Fisher, Tyler.	
Stephen K. Fielding, Con. of Coun.		

October 1, 5860.

Joseph Bedlow, Th. Ill. G. M.

Maynard Bragg, Rt. Ill. G. M.	Zenas Crowell, Sen.	
Benjamin Ball, Ill. G. M.	Theodore Edson, Chap.	
Sam'l K. Hutchinson, Mas. of Cer.	William F. Salmon,	Heralds.
William North, Mas. of Exc.	Isaac F. Scripture,	
Andrew F. Swapp, Rec.	Geo. W. Bedlow,	
Solon Stevens, Capt. of Gds.	A. W. Fisher, Tyler.	
Stephen K. Fielding, Con. of Coun.		

September 23, 5861.

Samuel K. Hutchinson, Th. Ill. G. M.

Ruel J. Walker, Rt. Ill. G. M.	Thomas G. Gerrish, Capt. of Gds.
Isaac F. Scripture, Ill. G. M.	Stephen K. Fielding, Con. of Coun.
William F. Salmon, Mas. of Cer.	Alfred S. Saunders, Sen.
William North, Mas. of Exc.	Theodore Edson, Chap.
Edward B. Howe, Rec.	A. W. Fisher, Tyler.

September 15, 5862.

Samuel K. Hutchinson, Th. Ill. G. Mas.

Ruel J. Walker, Rt. Ill. G. M.	Thomas G. Gerrish, Capt. of Gds.
Isaac F. Scripture, Ill. Con. of Wk.	William F. Salmon, Mas. of Cer.
William North, Mas. of Exc.	Alfred S. Saunders, Sen.
Edward B. Howe, Rec.	Chas. W. Homer, Chap.
Stephen K. Fielding, Con. of Coun.	A. W. Fisher, Tyler.

October 5, 5863.

Samuel K. Hutchinson, Th. Ill. G. Mas.

Ruel J. Walker, Rt. Ill. G. M.	Thomas G. Gerrish, Capt. of Gds.
Steph. K. Fielding, Ill. Con. of Wk.	Amos Sanborn, M. of Cer.
William North, Mas. of Exc.	Henry P. Perkins, Sen.
Edward B. Howe, Rec.	Theodore Edson, Chap.
William F. Salmon, Con. of Coun.	Alfred S. Saunders, Tyler.

September 19, 5864.

Samuel K. Hutchinson, Th. Ill. G. Mas.

Ruel J. Walker, Rt. Ill. G. M.	Henry P. Perkins, Capt. of Gds.
Steph. K. Fielding, Ill. Con. of Wk.	Amos Sanborn, Mas. of Cer.
William North, Mas. of Exc.	J. W. B. Shaw, Sen.
Edward B. Howe, Rec.	Alfred S. Saunders, Tyler.
William F. Salmon, Con. of Coun.	

September 11, 5865.

Samuel K. Hutchinson, Th. Ill. G. M.

Ruel J. Walker, Rt. Ill. G. M.	William F. Salmon, Con. of Coun.
Steph. K. Fielding, Ill. Con. of Wk.	Sager Ashworth, Capt. of Gds.
William North, Mas. of Exc.	Charles Kimball, Sen.
Edward B. Howe, Rec.	Stephen K. Fielding, Acting Tyler.

October 1, 5866.

Samuel K. Hutchinson, Th. Ill. G. M.

Ruel J. Walker, Rt. Ill. G. M.	William F. Salmon, Con. of Coun.
Sager Ashworth, Ill. Con. of Wk.	Chas. Morrill, Capt. of Gds.
William North, Mas. of Exc.	Hiram N. Hall, Tyler.
Edward B. Howe, Rec.	

September 16, 5867.

Ruel J. Walker, M. Ill. G. M.

Sager Ashworth, Rt. Ill. G. M.	William F. Salmon, Con. of Coun.
Atwill F. Wright, Ill. Con. of Wk.	Wm. E. Livingston, Capt. of Gds.
William North, Mas. of Exc.	Alfred S. Saunders, Sen.
Edward B. Howe, Rec.	Hiram N. Hall, Tyler.

October 5, 5868.

Ruel J. Walker, M. Ill. G. M.

Sager Ashworth, Rt. Ill. G. M.	William F. Salmon, Con. of Coun.
Atwill F. Wright, Ill. Con. of Wk.	Alonzo K. Lynch, M. of Cer.
William North, Mas. of Exc.	T. L. P. Lamson, Chap.
Edward B. Howe, Rec.	Alfred S. Saunders, Sen.
Wm. E. Livingston, Capt. of Gds.	Hiram N. Hall, Tyler.

October 25, 5869.

Ruel J. Walker, M. Ill. G. Mas.

Sager Ashworth, Rt. Ill. G. Mas.	Alonzo K. Lynch, Mas. of Cer.
Atwill F. Wright, Ill. Con. of Wk.	Frederick Frye, Con. of Coun.
William North, Mas. of Exc.	T. L. P. Lamson, Chap.
Edward B. Howe, Rec.	Alfred S. Saunders, Sen.
Wm. E. Livingston, Capt. of Gds.	Hiram N. Hall, Tyler.

October 10, 5870.

Ruel J. Walker, M. Ill. G. M.

Sager Ashworth, Rt. Ill. G. Mas.	Theodore Adams, Con. of Coun.
Wm.E.Livingston, Ill. Con. of Wk.	Alonzo K. Lynch, Mas. of Cer.
William North, Mas. of Exc.	Alfred S. Saunders, Sen.
Edward B. Howe, Rec.	Fred. S. Fisher, Chap.
Frederick Frye, Capt. of Gds.	Hiram N. Hall, Tyler.

October, 30, 5871.

William E. Livingston, M. Ill. G. Mas.

Frederick Frye, Rt. Ill. G. Mas.	Wm. P. Merrill, Con. of Coun.
Alonzo K. Lynch, Ill. Con. of Wk.	John C. Blood, Mas. of Cer.
William North, Mas. of Exc.	Fred. S. Fisher, Chap.
Edward B. Howe, Rec.	Alfred S. Saunders, Sen.
Chas. C. Hutchinson, Capt. of Gds.	Hiram N. Hall, Tyler.

Octobbr, 21, 5872.

William E. Livingston, M. Ill. G. Mas.

Frederick Frye, Rt. Ill. G. Mas.	John C. Blood, Con. of Coun.
Atwill F. Wright, Ill. Con. of Wk.	Henry H. Fletcher, M. of Cer.
Ruel J. Walker, Mas. of Exc.	T. L. P. Lamson, Chap.
Edward B. Howe, Rec.	Hiram N. Hall, Tyler.
Chas. C. Hutchinson, Capt. of Gds.	

October 13, 5873.

William E. Livingston, M. Ill. G. Mas.

Frederick Frye, Rt. Ill. G. Mas.	John C. Blood, Con. of Coun.
Atwill F. Wright, Ill. Con. of Wk.	Henry H. Fletcher, Mas. of Cer.
Ruel J. Walker, Mas. of Exc.	T. L. P. Lamson, Chap.
Edward B. Howe, Rec.	Hiram N. Hall, Tyler.
Chas. C. Hutchinson, Capt. of Gds.	

October 26, 5874.

Frederick Frye, M. Ill. G. Mas.

Nath'l C. Sanborn, Rt. Ill. G. Mas.	John C. Blood, Con. of Coun.
Henry H. Fletcher, Ill. Con. of Wk.	Elisha H. Shaw, Mas. of Cer.
Ruel J. Walker, Mas. of Exc.	T. L. P. Lamson, Chap.
Edward B. Howe, Rec.	Hiram N. Hall, Tyler.
Chas. F. Young, Capt. of Gds.	

October 18, 5875.

Frederick Frye, M. Ill. G. Mas.

Henry H. Fletcher, Rt. Ill. G. Mas.	John C. Blood, Con. of Coun.
Chas. F. Young, Ill. Con. of Wk.	Frank E. Bennett, Mas. of Cer.
Ruel J. Walker, Mas. of Exc.	T. L. P. Lamson, Chap.
Edward B. Howe, Rec.	Hiram N. Hall, Tyler.
Oramel A. Brigham, Capt. of Gds.	

October 9, 5876.

Henry H. Fletcher, Th. Ill. Mas.

Chas. F. Young, Rt. Ill. Mas.	John C. Blood, Con. of Coun.
Arthur G. Pollard, P. Con. of Wk.	T. L. P. Lamson, Chap.
Ruel J. Walker, Treasurer.	Samuel J. Gibby, Marshal.
Edward B. Howe, Rec.	Duane P. Stacy, Steward.
Vernon O. Taylor, Capt. of Gds.	J. W. B. Shaw, Tyler.

OFFICERS

OF

AHASUERUS COUNCIL.

ELECTED OCTOBER 29, 1877.

HENRY H. FLETCHER,	Th. Ill. Mas.
CHARLES F. YOUNG,	Dep. Mas.
ARTHUR G. POLLARD,	P. Con. of Wk.
RUEL J. WALKER,	Treasurer.
EDWARD B. HOWE,	Recorder.
VERNON O. TAYLOR,	Capt. of the Gds.
ELISHA H. SHAW,	Con. of Coun.
ALBERT G. SWAN,	Chaplain.
SAMUEL J. GIBBY,	Marshal.
GEORGE F. MORGAN,	Steward.
J. W. B. SHAW,	Tyler.

COMPACT

OF THE

LOWELL MASONIC ASSOCIATION

ADOPTED BY PENTUCKET LODGE, APRIL 14, 1853; ANCIENT YORK LODGE, MARCH 30, 1853; AND MT. HOREB R. A. CHAPTER, APRIL 8, 1853.

ARTICLE 1. All furniture, fixtures, and other property appropriated to Masonic purposes, and jointly used by the Mount Horeb Royal Arch Chapter, the Pentucket Lodge, and the Ancient York Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons, shall be considered as property in common, undivided and jointly owned by the three above-named Masonic bodies, and shall be vested in a Board of Trustees, for the joint use and enjoyment of the said Chapter and Lodges. Always excepting the two Chairs of ancient or Gothic style which are placed, one on the right, and one on the left, of the Chair in

the East occupied by the W. M., and which were presented by Brother J. M. Marston to the Mount Horeb Royal Arch Chapter, for its special use and enjoyment forever.

ART. 2. Said Board shall consist of nine persons, three of whom shall be elected by and from the Chapter, and three by and from each of the Lodges; and said Trustees shall be chosen and hold their office for the term of three years, except that at the first election of said officers, one elected by each of said three bodies shall hold his office for the term of one year, and one for the term of two years only; so that one Trustee shall be chosen by each of said bodies every year after the said first election. And in case any vacancy shall occur in said Board by resignation or otherwise, then the body electing him as such Trustee may proceed to fill such vacancy; and the withdrawal of any Trustee from membership of the body electing him, or his uniting himself to or with any other body of Masons (except that said Trustees elected from either of the Lodges may become a member of the Chapter), shall be deemed to constitute a vacancy.

ART. 3. It shall be the duty of said Board to take charge of all property jointly used for Masonic purposes, and hold the same to the joint use and enjoyment of the said three Masonic bodies under proper regulations; to procure necessary additions thereto from time to time, as the same shall be authorized by the different bodies; to receive and audit bills for expenses incurred for the joint benefit of said Chapter and Lodges, and notify them respectively of the amounts of money to be raised

by each, for defraying such expenses; and to pay such bills from moneys received from the three several bodies, according to the following regulations:

ART. 4. The rent and insurance of Masonic Hall and bills for repairs and cleaning thereof shall be paid quarterly, or as the same shall become due, the Chapter and each of the Lodges paying one-third part thereof.

The furniture used jointly by the Chapter and Lodges, and all bills for the repairs, and cleaning thereof, shall be paid for by them, each paying one-third part thereof.

The fuel, lights, and other incidental expenses of meetings in said hall, not otherwise provided for, shall be paid by the Chapter and Lodges, each paying therefor their proportion, based on the number of nights they have severally occupied said hall for meetings, as shown by the Secretary's record of each of the Masonic bodies.

ART. 5. Said Board of Trustees may, if they see fit, appoint from their number a Finance Committee consisting of one Trustee from each of the three Masonic bodies, to examine into and audit bills, and receive and pay out all moneys for the joint expenses incurred as herein provided; but there shall be one meeting annually, of the full Board of said Trustees, and they shall annually submit to the several bodies of Masons a full report of their receipts and disbursements, and of their doings in all matters intrusted to said Board, under the foregoing regulations.

ART. 6. The said Board of Trustees shall have power, either by themselves or their Finance Committee,

to direct the Tyler of said Masonic bodies in his duties, especially such as concern the cleanliness and care of said hall, and of the jewels and furniture thereof, and to see that such duties are properly and satisfactorily discharged, before paying any bills therefor, and before any bills for tyling shall be approved by either of the separate Masonic bodies.

ARTICLES OF AMENDMENT

TO THE COMPACT OF THE LOWELL MASONIC ASSOCIATION, ADOPTED FEBRUARY 12, 1867.

ARTICLE 1. Pilgrim Encampment of Knights Templars, established by charter at Lowell, Massachusetts, is hereby admitted to all the rights, privileges and interest, in the joint property, furniture and fixtures, now held in common by the three Masonic bodies named in Article 1 of the original Compact.

ART. 2. The Board of Trustees may admit, as equal parties to said Association, other Masonic bodies regularly chartered and established in the City of Lowell, upon the vote of two-thirds of the Trustees from each body, voting separately.

ART. 3. The Board of Trustees shall consist of three brethren from each body a party to the Association, who

shall be chosen by each body at its annual Communication, and who shall hold their offices as provided in Article 2 of the original Compact.

ART. 4. The Board of Trustees shall, in the month of September, in each year, appoint a Superintendent of Masonic Apartments and fix his salary.

Said Superintendent may be removed by the Board of Trustees.

ART. 5. The Board of Trustees shall hold two meetings annually: the first in the month of January, when they shall elect a President, Secretary and Treasurer, and the second in the month of September—the meetings to be held at such time and place as the President may direct.

ART. 6. The Board of Trustees may, by a two-thirds vote, admit as tenants to the Masonic Hall, any Masonic body regularly established by charter or dispensation in the City of Lowell, upon such terms and conditions as said Board may determine.

ART. 7. The Board of Trustees shall assess the insurance and bills for repairs equally upon the bodies admitted to the Association; the balance of rent, after deducting what may be charged to tenants, also equally upon said bodies, and all other expenses upon said bodies and said tenants in the same manner as is provided, shall be paid by the Chapter and Lodges, in Article 3 and 4 of the original Compact.

ART. 8. All the provisions of the existing Compact, inconsistent with the foregoing, are hereby wholly annulled.

ADDITIONAL AMENDMENT.

AT a meeting of the Trustees of the Masonic Association, held at Masonic Hall, Lowell, December 3, 1870—

Present—W. F. Salmon, Charles Kimball, Charles A. Stott, of Pilgrim Commandery; Joseph Bedlow, Edward Tuck, of Mt. Horeb R. A. Chapter; William North, S. K. Fielding, Isaac Cooper, of Pentucket Lodge; S. K. Hutchinson, Sager Ashworth, George W. Bedlow, of Ancient York Lodge.

Voted—Unanimously (the Trustees from each of the bodies forming the Masonic Association voting separately according to the articles of Compact), that Ahasuerus Council, Kilwinning Lodge and William North Lodge be admitted as equal parties to the Lowell Masonic Association with equal rights, privileges, and interest in the joint property, furniture, and fixtures now held in common by said Association.

TRUSTEES

OF THE

LOWELL MASONIC ASSOCIATION.

PILGRIM COMMANDERY:

William F. Salmon, Charles Kimball,
Charles A. Stott.

MOUNT HOREB R. A. CHAPTER:

Hocum Hosford, Edward Tuck,
Joseph Bedlow.

AHASUERUS COUNCIL:

Frederick Frye, Wm. E. Livingston,
Ruel J. Walker.

PENTUCKET LODGE:

Oliver Ober, Albert B. Hall,
Henry A. Fielding.

ANCIENT YORK LODGE:

Nathaniel C. Sanborn, Sager Ashworth,
Charles C. Hutchinson.

KILWINNING LODGE:

Jonathan P. Folsom, Solon W. Stevens,
Henry H. Wilder.

WILLIAM NORTH LODGE:

Atwill F. Wright, Hiram N. Hall,
Theodore Adams.

CONSTITUTION

OF THE

Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters

OF

MASSACHUSETTS,

AND

General Regulations for the Government of Councils

UNDER ITS JURISDICTION.

CONSTITUTION.

ARTICLE I.

GRAND COUNCIL.

STYLE AND TITLE.

SECTION 1. The style and title of this body is "THE GRAND COUNCIL OF ROYAL AND SELECT MASTERS OF MASSACHUSETTS."

JURISDICTION.

SECT. 2. Its jurisdiction extends over the territorial limits of Massachusetts, and the Grand East of this body shall be located in the city of Boston.

POWERS.

SECT. 3. In it alone is vested the right and duty, which it can not delegate, to superintend

and govern all Councils of Royal and Select Masters within the jurisdiction.

It has exclusive power to grant Dispensations and Warrants for forming and opening new Councils and to extend or revoke the same.

It enacts laws, issues edicts and amends and repeals the same.

It censures, suspends and erases Councils, and any of the members, for violation or neglect of its laws and edicts.

It has supreme power and authority, throughout this jurisdiction, in all matters pertaining to Councils of Royal and Select Masters, and the Appendant Degree of Super-Excellent Master, subject only to the Ancient Landmarks.

MEMBERS.

SECT. 4. It shall consist of a Most Illustrious Grand Master; Deputy Grand Master; Grand Principal Conductor of the Work; Grand Treasurer; Grand Recorder; Grand Captain of the Guard; Grand Conductor; Grand Steward; Grand Sentinel; Grand Chaplain; Grand Marshal or Master of Ceremonies; *ex-officiis*, of all Past Most Illustrious Grand Masters, Past Deputy Grand Masters, and Past Grand Principal Con-

ductors of the Work; of the Thrice Illustrious Masters, Deputy Masters, Principal Conductors of the Work, for the time being, of Subordinate Councils under this jurisdiction; and of all Past Thrice Illustrious Masters of such Subordinates, so long as they are members of a Council under this jurisdiction in good standing.

The above-named Present and Past Officers (the Grand Sentinel excepted) and Representatives and Past Thrice Illustrious Masters of Subordinate Councils, or their proxies, are the only voters in this Grand Council. Each Subordinate Council under this jurisdiction shall, in all elections and other business in this Grand Council, be entitled to three votes, which may be cast by one or more of its representatives. Each member has but one vote. In case of a tie, the Most Illustrious Grand Master may give the casting vote.

ATTENDANCE AND PROXIES.

SECT. 5. The Most Illustrious Grand Master, Deputy Grand Master, and Grand Principal Conductor of the Work, of this Grand Council, and the Past Most Illustrious Grand Masters, Past Deputy Grand Masters, Past Grand Princi-

pal Conductors of the Work, being unable to attend the Assemblies in person, shall have the power to appoint a proxy, who shall be entitled to all the rights and privileges of his constituent, except that of taking his rank in the Grand Council.

Such proxy must, at the time of his appointment, be a member of some Subordinate Council under this jurisdiction, and must present a properly authenticated certificate of his appointment.

Thrice Illustrious Masters, Deputy Masters, and Principal Conductors of the Work, for the time being, of Subordinate Councils, being unable to attend the Assemblies of this Grand Council in person, shall have the power to appoint a proxy, who shall be entitled to all the rights and privileges of his constituent, except that of taking his rank in this Grand Council.

Such proxy must, at the time of his appointment, be a member of the same Subordinate Council as his principal, and must present a properly authenticated certificate of his appointment.

OFFICERS AND ELECTION.

SECT. 6. The first five officers shall be chosen by written ballot; the others by appointment of the Most Illustrious Grand Master.

No Companion is eligible to any office in the Grand Council unless he be a member of some Subordinate Council under this jurisdiction.

No Companion, except some Past Thrice Illustrious Master, is eligible to the office of Most Illustrious Grand Master; and no Companion shall hold the office for more than three years successively, or hold any office in a Subordinate Council during his term of office in the Grand Council.

The officers thus chosen shall serve until their successors have been installed. Any Companion who shall have been regularly elected and duly installed as Thrice Illustrious Master of a Council shall be deemed a Past Thrice Illustrious Master so far as this section relates.

ASSEMBLIES.

SECT. 7. The Grand Council shall meet on the second Wednesday in December, annually, at such place and hour as the Most Illustrious

Grand Master shall appoint, for the transaction of such business as shall be presented.

Special Assemblies may be called at the pleasure of the Most Illustrious Grand Master; but no business shall be done at a Special Assembly other than that specified in the notice for the Assembly.

PREROGATIVES AND DUTIES OF OFFICERS.

SECT. 8. It is the duty of the Most Illustrious Grand Master, in person or by one of his Council, to visit and examine every Subordinate Council in the jurisdiction, at least annually, and cause a report of the same to be made at the annual Assembly of this Grand Council.

It is the duty of the Grand Treasurer to receive and be the custodian of all the funds of the Grand Council; pay all bills approved by the Most Illustrious Grand Master and the Finance Committee, and all appropriations made by the Grand Council and attested by the Grand Recorder; and report at the annual Assembly the amount of his receipts and expenditures for the past year.

It is the duty of the Grand Recorder annually to communicate to the Grand Recorder of all

State Grand Councils a list of all the Grand Officers of this Grand Council, and such other matters as the Most Illustrious Grand Master shall deem expedient, or as shall be ordered by this Grand Council. He shall furnish each Subordinate Council with the proper blanks, notifying them to fill out and transmit the same immediately after the election in such Council; shall notify each Subordinate Council and permanent member of this Grand Council of any proposed alterations, additions or amendments to these Grand Constitutions at least twenty days before the time of the Assembly when such proposed alterations, additions or amendments are to be acted upon, and shall also notify the members of this Grand Council of the time and place of each annual and special Assembly.

The other duties of the above officers, and the duties of the other officers, are such as are traditionally appropriate to their offices, and such as may be required of them by this Grand Council and the Most Illustrious Grand Master.

NEW COUNCILS.

SECT. 9. Dispensations for forming and opening new Councils may be issued by the Most

Illustrious Grand Master during recess of the Grand Council only; Dispensations so issued to be in force only until the succeeding annual Assembly of this body, unless continued by vote thereof; provided, however, that no Dispensation shall be issued to a less number than nine Royal and Select Masters, nor without the consent of the Council nearest to the place where the new one is to be located; and if in that town or city there is more than one, then the consent of all shall be obtained.

Charters shall be granted by vote of the Grand Council alone, and at the annual Assembly.

A Council formed within this jurisdiction, without a Dispensation or Charter, as above provided, shall be deemed illegal; and all communications between Councils under this jurisdiction, and members of such illegal one, are hereby strictly forbidden.

FEES FOR DISPENSATION AND CHARTER.

SECT. 10. The fees for a Dispensation are five dollars to the Grand Council and two dollars to the Grand Recorder; and for a Charter, thirty dollars to the Grand Council and five dollars to the Grand Recorder.

In no case shall a Dispensation or Charter be issued until the required fees shall have been paid to the Grand Recorder.

SECT. 11. At each annual Assembly of the Grand Council, a Finance Committee, consisting of three members of the Grand Council, shall be appointed by the Most Illustrious Grand Master, whose duty it shall be to audit and approve all bills against the Grand Council, and to audit the accounts of the Grand Treasurer and Grand Recorder, and report to the Grand Council at the ensuing annual Assembly an account of the receipts and expenditures of the preceding year, with a statement of all funds in the hands of the Grand Treasurer.

ARTICLE II.

SUBORDINATE COUNCILS.

MEMBERS.

SECTION 1. Every Subordinate Council shall consist of a Thrice Illustrious Master, Deputy Master, Principal Conductor of the Work, Treasurer, Recorder, Captain of the Guard, Conductor of the Council, Chaplain, Marshal, Steward,

Sentinel, and such other officers and members as may be found convenient.

The first five officers shall be elected by written or printed ballots; the others may be appointed by the Thrice Illustrious Master.

The officers thus chosen shall serve until their successors shall have been installed.

DUTIES OF OFFICERS.

SECT. 2. The Thrice Illustrious Master of a Subordinate Council has it in special charge to see that the By-Laws of his Council and this Grand Constitution are duly observed; that accurate records are kept and just accounts rendered; that regular returns to this Grand Council are made annually; and that the annual dues are promptly paid. He calls special Assemblies of his Council at pleasure; and it is his duty, with the Deputy Master and Principal Conductor of the Work, to attend all Assemblies of this Grand Council.

The duties of the other officers are such as are traditionally appropriate, and such as may be assigned by the Council or the Thrice Illustrious Master.

SHALL BE A MEMBER OF BUT ONE COUNCIL.

SECT. 3. No Companion shall hold membership in more than one Council within this jurisdiction at the same time; and no Companion, having been elected an honorary member of a Subordinate Council within this jurisdiction, shall have the right to vote or hold office in such Council, unless he is at the time an actual member of such Council.

No Companion shall be constituted into a new Council until he shall have been regularly discharged from the Council with which he is affiliated.

OBLIGATION.

SECT. 4. The officers of every Subordinate Council, before installation, and every candidate, upon admission, shall take an obligation of fealty to this Grand Council, in which they shall be required to support its Constitution and obey its edicts.

ANNUAL RETURNS.

SECT. 5. Every Subordinate Council shall make a return to the Grand Recorder of this

Grand Council, on or before the first day of December, annually, of the roll of its officers and members; of all candidates for the degrees accepted or rejected; of all members who have dimitted or deceased, or who have been suspended or expelled during the year; and shall pay to this Grand Council two dollars for each candidate on whom the Degree of Royal Master has been conferred, and an annual fee of three dollars.

DEGREES, FEES AND RULE OF SUCCESSION.

SECT. 6. No Subordinate Council shall confer the Degrees for a less sum than fifteen dollars, nor on any person who shall not have previously received the Royal Arch Degree in a regular and constitutional manner, and the preceding Degrees of E. A., F. C., M. M., M. M. M., P. M., and M. E. M.

The Degrees in the Council shall be conferred in the following order: 1. Royal Master; 2. Select Master; 3. Super-Excellent Master.

APPLICATION FOR DEGREES.

SECT. 7. All applications for the Degrees in a Subordinate Council shall be made to the

Council in the town or city where the applicant resides, if there be a Council therein; but if there be no such Council, he shall apply to the Council nearest to his residence. Such applicant may, on obtaining the consent of the nearest Council to his residence, apply to some other Council. Each applicant shall stand proposed for not less than two weeks. Each application shall be signed by the applicant, accompanied by a certificate signed by three Select Masters, in the following form:

To the Thrice Illustrious Master, Officers and Companions of ——— Council of Royal and Select Masters:

I, ———, having regularly received the several Degrees, from Entered Apprentice to that of Royal Arch Mason, inclusive, in duly constituted Masonic Bodies, and being desirous to make further progress in Masonry, do hereby offer myself as a candidate for the Degrees conferred in your Council, and promise, if admitted, to conform to all your requirements.

My place of residence is ———.

Age, ———.

Occupation, ———.

I have ——— before applied for said Degrees.

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——— A. Dep. 28 .

We, the subscribers, Select Masters of regular standing, do hereby certify that we are acquainted with

Companion ——, the above-named applicant; that we know him to be a regular Royal Arch Mason in good standing, and believe he is worthy the honor he solicits.

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FEES FOR DEGREES TO BE PAID FOR.

SECT. 8. No Subordinate Council shall confer the Degrees on any person whatever, without the full payment of the fees for the same, as required by the By-Laws of such Subordinate Council; and no Council shall remit the fees paid for the Degrees, or make any appropriation to any person for the purpose of relieving such person from the payment of such fees.

SOJOURNERS.

SECT. 9. No Subordinate Council shall confer the Degrees upon any sojourner from any State or place in which there is a Council regularly established, except by consent of the Council having jurisdiction.

Any Council may take cognizance of the conduct of sojourning Companions.

QUESTIONS.

SECT. 10. At any Assembly of Subordinate Councils all questions (except the admission of candidates and members, and of matters specially reserved by the By-Laws) shall be decided by a majority vote — the presiding officer, if a member, being entitled to one vote, and, in case of a tie, to the casting vote.

REGALIA.

SECT. 11. The regalia of this Grand Council and its Subordinates is such as is from time to time approved by this Grand Body.

WORK TO BE UNIFORM.

SECT. 12. The several Councils under the jurisdiction of this Grand Council are required to have their Work uniform and approved by this Body. For this purpose the Most Illustrious Grand Master, for the time being, shall appoint a Grand Lecturer, to whom the Councils may refer for the necessary information.

There shall be an exemplification of the Work of the Degrees, under the direction of the Grand Council, at least once a year.

AMENDMENTS.

SECT. 13. This Grand Constitution may be altered or amended by a vote of two-thirds of the members present at any Assembly; but no alteration or amendment shall be acted upon unless notice of the proposed alteration or amendment shall have been sent to each Subordinate Council under this jurisdiction and permanent member of this Grand Council, as provided in Article I, Section 8.

STATIONS, INSIGNIA, JEWELS AND DRESSES

OF THE

OFFICERS OF SUBORDINATE COUNCILS.

I. — STATIONS.

THE stations of the officers in Subordinate Councils are like those of the corresponding officer in the Grand Council.

II. — INSIGNIA.

The collars of the officers to be of velvet, trimmed with gold lace, and of a color corresponding with their respective dresses. The collars of the members to be of velvet, either purple, scarlet or blue, as each Council may determine, trimmed with gold or silver lace. The aprons of the officers and members to be white and appropriately trimmed.

III. — JEWELS.

The jewels of the officers and members of Subordinate Councils are like those worn in the Grand Council, excepting the wreath. They may be either silver or gold. Should any Council so determine, the jewel for a member may be simply a trowel, suspended from the collar.

IV. — DRESSES.

The Thrice Illustrious Master is clothed in a robe of royal purple, trimmed with gold lace or ermine, a crown upon his head and a sceptre in his hand; the Deputy Master in a robe of scarlet, trimmed with silver lace or ermine, a crown upon his head and a sceptre in his hand; the Principal Conductor of the Work, in a robe of blue, trimmed with silver lace or ermine, a turban on his head and a gavel in his hand; the Master of Ceremonies, in a purple tunic and turban, with a baton in his hand; the Captain of the Guard, in the ancient military costume of the Eastern nations, with a sword in his hand; the Conductor and Steward, in purple tunics and turbans, with a sword in their hands. Each officer and member should be furnished with a trowel, and the officers may all wear swords.

FORMS.

FORM OF PROXY.

I, A. B., ——— of ——— Council, do hereby appoint Comp. C. D. my representative in the Grand Council of Massachusetts, at its next annual Assembly, to be held in Boston, on the ——— day of December, A. D., 18—, empowering him to act in my behalf, hereby ratifying and confirming whatever he may lawfully do in said capacity.

[SEAL.]

FORM OF APPLICATION FOR DEGREES.

To the Thrice Illustrious Master, Officers and Companions of ——— Council of Royal and Select Masters.

I, ———, having regularly received the several degrees, from Entered Apprentice to that of Royal Arch Mason, inclusive, in duly constituted Masonic bodies, and being desirous to make further progress in Masonry, do hereby offer myself as a candidate for the degrees conferred in your Council, and promise, if admitted, to conform to all your requirements. My place of residence is ———. Age, ———. Occupation ———. I have ——— before applied for said degrees.

——— A. D. 18 .

We, the subscribers, Royal and Select Masters, of regular standing, do hereby certify that we are acquainted with Companion ——, the above-named applicant; that we know him to be a regular Royal Arch Mason in good standing, and believe he is worthy the honor he solicits.

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FORM OF DIMIT.

To all Royal and Select Masters, GREETING:

KNOW YE, that Companion —— was in good standing and clear of all charges on the books of —— Council of Royal and Select Masters, under the jurisdiction of the Grand Council of Massachusetts, and by permission honorably withdrew his membership from said Council on the —— day of ——, 18—.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my official signature and affixed the seal of —— Council, at ——, this —— day of ——, 18—.

[L. S.] ——————, *Recorder.*